

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ December 28 & 29, 2024

Welcome to worship! Merry Christmas—yes, still! As the church continues to celebrate Christ's birth, I invite you to bask in the goodness of God. "As Mary 'treasured ... in her heart' all that had happened around Jesus' birth and childhood (Luke 2:19, 51), help me, God, to treasure Your gifts and teachings in my heart always. Amen." We welcome our visitors and ask you to please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex and join us again!

Please Remember in Your Prayers: Laura Ernst (recovering from leg surgery), Doc Schmidt, Christi Fredericks (recovering from shoulder surgery), Lila Bubke, Bonnie Teut, Bruce Namanny, Glenda Bryson, Ryan Kragel, Bonard Christiansen, Tayten Kline, Laurie Ricke and Susan Kaiser. *If you have a concern for which you would like us to pray, please call the Church Office 712-676-2235 or send an email to: immansch@iowatelecom.net.*

For You in the Narthex: Offering envelopes for 2025 are on the table, please pick up yours and also those of any family members. Please take a moment and check your church mailbox for any other correspondence that may be in it.

Poinsettias may be taken home following our services this weekend. We thank you for helping to add to the beauty of our Poinsettia Tree for our Christmas worship.

This Sunday is the Deadline for Angel Tree and TAP Donations!

To be included in your giving statements for 2024, gifts must be received in the Church Office by Monday, December 30, 2024.

New Year's Eve Worship: Please join us at 5 p.m. this Tuesday, New Year's Eve, as we end the year in worship with Holy Communion, commending to our merciful God the passing year and receiving His blessing as we enter a new year in the name of Jesus our Savior!

There will be no Bible Study this week Wednesday morning and no confirmation class on Wednesday. Happy New Year!

The LWML will meet on Thursday, January 2 at 1:30 p.m.

"Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart." Our Thursday night Bible Study will resume this week, Thursday, January 2, 2025. We meet in our Fireside Room from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

"Thy Strong Word" every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, Dec. 30-Jan. 4, Pastor Trunkhill is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Trunkhill will also lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

Readings for New Years Eve: Is. 30:(8-14) 15-17; Ps. 90:1-12; Rom. 8:31b-39; Luke 12:35-40.

Readings for New Years Day: Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 8; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 2:21.

Readings for next Sunday: 1 King 3:4-15; Psalm 119:97-104; Eph. 1:3-14; Luke 2:40-52.

Elders' Planning Meeting will be Sunday, January 5 at 11:30 a.m.

Our Church Council and Voters' Meetings are coming up. Our Council will meet Monday evening, January 6 at 7:00 p.m. The Voters' Meeting will be Sunday, Jan. 12 at 10:15 a.m.

Record Updates: A current membership list will be printed soon for our Annual Report. If you or a family member has a change of address or phone number, or would like to receive the monthly *Immanuel Messenger* by e-mail rather than hard-copy USPS, please let the church office know. Year-end reports for your group or board should be turned in also.

There will be NO SATURDAY WORSHIP on Saturday, January 11 to accommodate a wedding which is scheduled for that afternoon. Please let one another know!

Thank You to everyone who remembered us with cards and/or gifts as we celebrate our Savior's birth! We are richly blessed to be a part of our Immanuel family. We praise God for the many kindnesses He showers upon us through you. We pray He will continue to guide us and bless us as we continue together in the service of Jesus our Savior in the coming year. Pastor and Chris Mahnken and Pastor Kaiser

Installation of our Church officers and board members will be at our 9:00 a.m. worship on Sunday, January 12.

Help wanted: We will be taking down the Christmas trees and décor on Sunday, January 12 AFTER the Voter's Meeting. If anyone would like to help, please join us!

In case of inclement weather: please check our website www.immanuel Schleswig.com, Facebook page or listen to KDSN 104.9 FM for any weather-related service updates.

Missing! Could everyone please check your cupboards for (2) missing glass Pyrex pans. These have been missing since the church Harvest Dinner. If you took these home by accident, please return to the Church Office. Thank you!

The Lutheran Hour: "No Getting Better Than This" by Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies. The Good Life—what is it? Pastor Chad Lakies says life is truly good when it's life the way God meant it to be. (Colossians 3:12-17) Listen to *The Lutheran Hour* every Sunday morning on Denison's KDSN 104.9 FM at 6:30 a.m. and KDSN 1530 AM at 10:30 a.m., and anytime at www.lhm.org.

"We long to hear those words from the Master, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! Come! Share your Master's happiness!' Someday you will hear them as He welcomes you into eternal dwellings. But for now, there is much to do for Jesus. So, as you go to live for Him, let those words echo in your mind and spur you on to be faithful and fruitful servants in His kingdom." *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

Talk Radio and Podcasts for Thinking Christians: You can listen 24/7 to sacred talk and music for the 12 days of Christmas at issuesetc.org, lutheranpublicradio.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, TuneIn, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

Building Healthy Families: Here's a novel idea for making a New Year's Resolution this year: don't make it about you! What if instead of losing ten pounds, you resolved to spend unscheduled time every Sunday afternoon with your children? What if instead of getting up early to go to the gym, you resolved to read to a nursing home resident who has no family or visitors every Tuesday morning? What if instead...you get the idea. Look around; ask God to open your eyes. Who has He put in your life who needs the gift of your time and attention? Resolve to give it! Happy and Blessed New Year from your friends at Lutheran Family Service!
Lutheran Family Service

Word of Hope: *Lutherans for Life offers help, healing, and forgiveness for anyone who bears the burden of overwhelming guilt through our 24-hour Word of Hope hotline (888-217-8679). This free service is available to men, women, and youth for information, referrals, and Scripture-based spiritual care to address life issues such as surprise pregnancy, abortion recovery, suicide, doubting salvation, and physician-assisted suicide. word-of-hope.org*

Gifts:
 Church Plate: \$ 8,252.00
 Sunday School: \$ 7.00
 Adult Bible Class: \$ 25.00
 Midweek Advent 12/18 \$ 686.00

Attendance:
 Sat., Dec. 21 4 p.m.: 36
 Sun., Dec. 22 9 a.m.: 120
 156
 Midweek Advent 12/18: 64
 Sunday School: 13
 Adult Bible Class: 25

Acolytes today:
 Sophia Morgan & Emily Segebart

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~
December 29, 2024-January 5, 2025

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship
December 29 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
 1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Pastor Trunkhill
 1:40 p.m. Silveridge Worship
 2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship

Monday: Last Day for offerings to be included in 2024
 No Preschool

Tuesday: No Preschool
New Years Eve 5:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Worship w/HC

Wednesday: *Happy New Year!*
New Years Day

Thursday: No Preschool
 1:30 p.m. LWML Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Bible Study

Friday: ~

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Saturday Worship w/HC

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC
January 5 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
 11:30 a.m. Elders' Planning Meeting

About the Cover: The Lord commanded that two turtledoves or pigeons were needed to redeem the firstborn son. Moses instructed fathers to tell their children that this was a reminder of the Lord's redemption of His people from the hand of Pharaoh. When the Father sent the Son, Christ Himself did the work of redemption as He stood in our place. Christ has bought us back from our outstanding debt of sin, not with silver or gold, but with His holy and precious blood.

A life goal for every Christian should be to read the entire Holy Bible.
 We are providing a reading plan to guide you through the entire Bible in two years.

- MONDAY: Song of Songs 4:1—6:13
- TUESDAY: Song of Songs 7:1—8:14
- WEDNESDAY: Isaiah 1:1—2:22
- THURSDAY: Isaiah 3:1—4:6
- FRIDAY: Isaiah 5:1-30
- SATURDAY: Isaiah 6:1-13

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Worship:
 Saturday ~ 4 p.m.
 Sunday ~ 9 a.m.

Communion:
 Every Saturday and
 First & Third Sundays
 Sunday School &
 Bible Classes~10:15 a.m.

Worship Services are
 streamed live,
 recorded, and can be
 accessed at any time by
 clicking on Facebook,
 YouTube or our website.

***"Together in
 Christ, we grow
 through the Word
 and Sacraments,
 serving our Lord
 and sharing
 His saving grace
 with all people."***

